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Per her request, sent four sets of employment brochures to Betty Waller, in the office of Representative Robert H. Steele (R., Conn.).
Per instructions of the Director, I called Joe Wolf, of State Department, and told him we planned to turn down the request of Lowenstein and Moose, of the Symington Subcommittee staff, for information on our overseas personnel and cover arrangements, and for access to the SNIE on Thailand. Wolf was delighted for us to handle the matter directly with Lowenstein and Moose.
Called Richard Moose, of the Symington Subcommittee staff, and told him that we had carefully reviewed the request from him and Jim Lowenstein for figures on Agency overseas personnel and cover arrangements in Southeast Asia, and for access to the SNIE on Thailand, but were unable to comply. I said personnel figures and cover arrangements were available only to our oversight Subcommittee members and staffs, and we could not release the Special National Intelligence Estimate on Thailand, but would be glad to provide a briefing on the substantive question involved. So far as their suggestion that on this upcoming trip they delve into I said we could not go along with this, but would discuss the matter with them on their return, pointing out that all the information in which they were interested was readily available at Headquarters and was not the kind of thing we would agree to discuss in the field anyway. Moose registered no surprise at the
turndown. He said he would like a final updated briefing on the situation in Laos before his departure on 6 January and asked ifcould provide it on the 5th. I said I would see what we could do.
Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, called to say he would like to get a briefing in the near future on Soviet "satellite killer" programs and on the current situation in Laos. He said he was particularly concerned to get clarification about a Washington Post story of 2 January quoting a Laotian lieutenant as complaining that morale of Laotian combatants was low, and that the Thai troops were being paid 3-4 times as much as the Laotians. I said we would get together with him in the next day or two.

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